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OUR PEOPLE DID IT

Dumfounded and very visibly surprised at our recent election upset, which put the Republicans out and put the Democrats back in again, the American people have been asking how it happened.

Newspapers, poll makers and commentators had been working overtime telling everybody that the Republicans had it in the bag. Yet that party was uncerecermoniously swept out of power, both nationally and in many state governments as well.

On Nov. 2nd it was the American people who did the talking. All the others had had their say and made their cocksure predictions. But on election day it was the American voters who did the talking. Instead of being swayed by talk and extravagant predictions they voted their convictions. The result was one of the most striking upsets in American political history.

It was the plain people who talked with their ballots at this election regardless of what the prognosticators had predicted. The people won a sweeping victory, which was little expected by most people. It proves that our people can and do rule whenever they take a notion to turn out and vote their convictions.

LET DEMOCRATS KEEP FAITH

Once more the Democratic party has been returned to power. It should be realized that this was not done nearly so much because of either confidence or faith in this party since death took its former leader, Franklin D. Roosevelt, as because of the prevailing conviction that the Republican party is hopelessly worse, as was so clearly demonstrated by the 80th Congress of which the Republican party had a clear majority in both houses.

Another opportunity is now being given the Democratic party to carry out their pre-election party platform pledges. When the 81st Congress meets in January the political party which will control it will have the opportunity to fulfill pledges and should lose no time in repealing the Taft-Hartley law, get an adequate housing program under way, establish rigorous price control to stop further inflation, set up a comprehensive health insurance plan, and complete other badly needed legislation now sleeping in the pigeonhole archives of Congress.

Unless the democrats do these promised acts very promptly, when they take over, not only labor but a lot of other Americans are apt to start a stampede to a third party. The only reason why any party should be retained in power is that those elected have kept faith with the people whose votes placed them in positions of power. Elected officials who treat pre-election pledges slightly do not deserve to be re-elected.

G.O.P. GETS MANDATE

At this year's presidential election just held the G. O. P. was given a stinging mandate by the American people to go way back and sit down, while the Democratic party was again authorized to take over. Not only was Truman reelected but both houses swung over to the side of the Democrats, while the people of a number of states now Republican defeated the incumbents and turned over their state governments to the Democratic party.

For the past two years we have been continually hearing that the American people had given the G. O. P. a mandate in the election of 1946 to pass such nefarious legislation as the Taft-Hartley bill and the other monstrosities put over by the 80th Congress, to say nothing of the inexcusable failure of this Congress to maintain price control, adopt a vigorous housing program, and accord labor a square deal. Now the new Congress stands instructed to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and resume where Franklin Roosevelt left off.

If the election just held means anything it is that the G. O. P. should lay off on its anti-labor program and once more permit the hard-earned rights of labor to be recognized. For two years it has been doing the bidding of the National Association of Manufacturers in their fight to wreck labor unions. Let us have no more meetings of Congress until the 81st Congress takes over.

LABOR STRONG POLITICALLY

What was demonstrated in the upset that has just returned Truman to the White House for another four years was that labor really has the power to swing elections their way, when they put forth the effort and present something like a united front.

In other countries labor parties are in complete control of various governments. The trend that way is continually increasing. Labor rules in England, Australia and the Scandinavian countries. In many other countries labor is becoming the most dominating political factor. Labor should take the necessary steps to become such a factor in the United States permanently.

LABOR NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

(San Francisco, Nov. 8)

BRICKLAYERS will consider a proposal to increase present death benefit payments to families at the State Conference of Bricklayers to be held Nov. 12-13 in San Diego. Current benefit is \$700.

BOOT GEARHART was the rally cry in the central valley area before the election which resulted in labor and farmers of the Modesto-Fresno area ousting the old Republican wheelhorse and enemy of social security, Congr. B. W. Gearhart, and electing Democrat Cecil F. White in one of the state's biggest political upsets.

PLUMBERS and Pipefitters of Northern California are getting a 12 1/2-cent pay raise, to \$2.50, effective Oct. 27, as the result of pay talks with AGC employers.

BUILDING TRADESMEN of California will convene at the State AFL Building Trades conference in Fresno on Nov. 27-28, according to a call issued by Pres. Frank Lawrence who was recently elected to fill the post vacated by the late Frank C. MacDonald.

MASS GRADUATION of apprentices is becoming a popular method of publicizing AFL apprenticeship training in the community. Latest such ceremony to be announced is that for 500 trainees to be held in Burlingame High School on November 17.

DRAFT BOARDS should have representation by organized labor, AFL unions in San Jose believe, and the central council has named a committee to recommend names for these boards.

STATE CARPENTERS will hold their convention in San Jose next March. San Jose District Council has begun plans to entertain the 500 delegates and their families.

TILE LAYERS of 13 Northern California counties have signed for a new scale of \$2.67 1/2. The new agreement stabilizes conditions and provides for dispute-settling machinery by which unsolved local beefs will go to the international and the Tile Contractors Assn. of America.

MUSIC MAKERS of Calif., Ariz., and Nevada will gather in San Jose the last weekend in February. San Jose AFM Local 153 is making plans.

BIG POWER JOBS are slated by PG&E, \$50 million steam generating plants at Moss Landing and at Antioch. Some men have been called for the job on Monterey Bay, and both are expected to be in full blast early in the new year.

AFL METAL TRADES have sparked a drive by which some 30,000 civil service workers employed in Bay Area Navy bases will receive an average 12 1/2 cent or 8 per cent wage increase effective November 15.

AFL GRAIN MILLERS at Vallejo have won an NLRB vote 237 to 1 at the local SPY mill. The local has a new charter, being formerly Flour and Cereal Workers 20397.

ELECTRICIANS in Contra Costa, Solano, and Napa counties have gained a dime boost to \$2.50 effective Nov. 1.

VALLEJO AFLers are jubilant over electing their man, Luther Gibson, to the state senate, defeating big farmer Howard Vaughn.

ELECTION VICTORY was nowhere celebrated more jubilantly than in San Francisco, where veteran pro-labor Congressman Franck Havenner was re-elected in the face of one of the worst smear campaigns ever tried.

DOWN SAN DIEGO way there was much joy in AFL ranks with the defeat of Congr. Chas. K. Fletcher and election of Clinton D. McKinnon, another good Democrat for the new Congress.

CALIF. PIPE TRADES Council, Northern branch, meeting in Oakland began steps whereby four Calif. locals, Los Angeles 250, Bakersfield 460, Fresno 246, and Oakland 342, will have jurisdiction over chief oil transmission lines in the state.

SALINAS BUILDING tradesmen are asking a building trades council charter for their area.

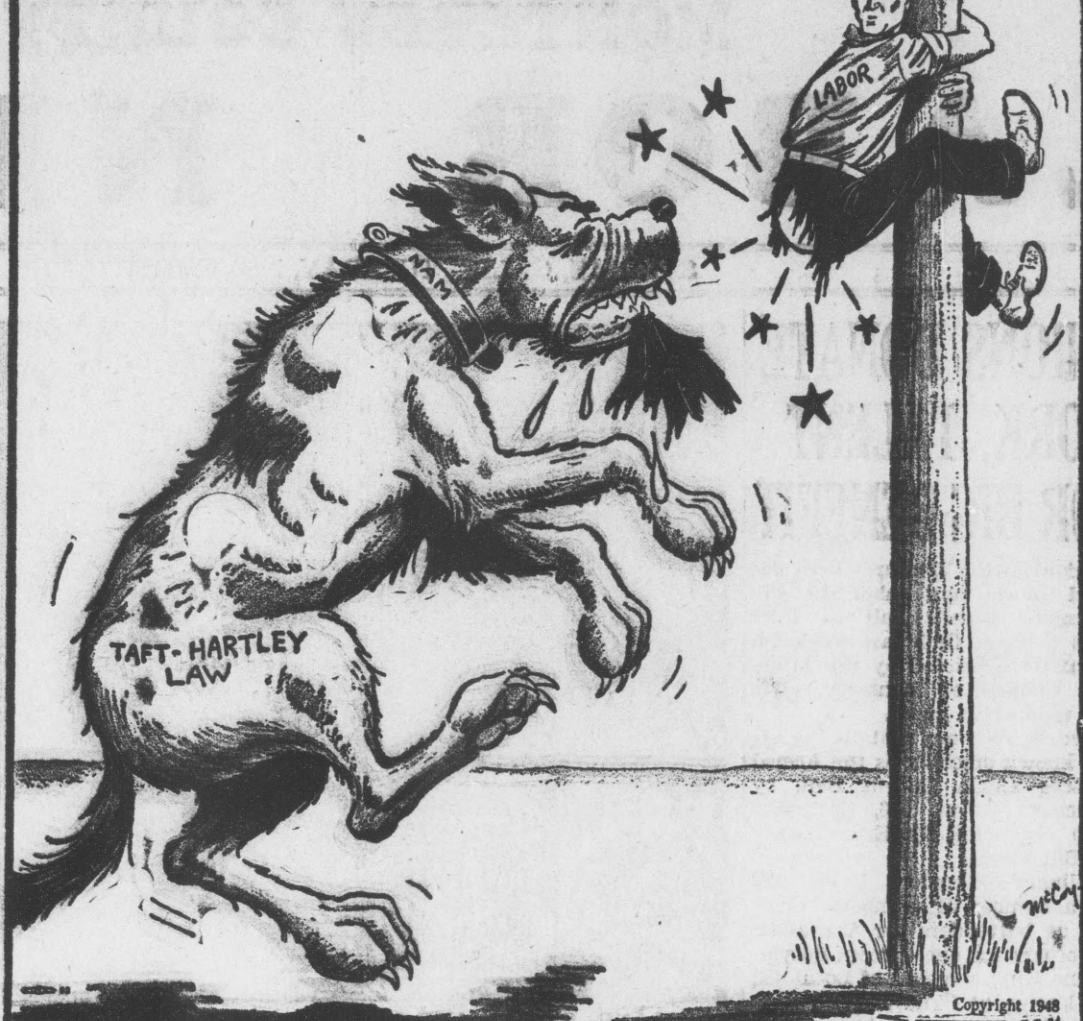
CITY-WIDE APPRENTICE coordinating committee of labor and management has been set up in San Francisco. It will rouse public interest in apprenticeship, plan mass graduations, and bring greater uniformity in standards.

Labor FM Station

Detroit.—After dedicatory ceremonies November 13, the United Auto Workers (CIO) new FM station will begin broadcasting over a 50 to 75-mile radius in December, the union announces. Ben Hoberman of Station WELI, New Haven, Conn., will direct WDET-FM, as the union station is called.

Steel represents 85% of U.S. basic processed materials.

They Said It Would Protect Labor in the END!



Nonfarm Employment at 45,864,000; 5-Mo. Upward Trend Should Continue

Washington.—Nonfarm employment reached a new high of 45,864,000 as of mid-September, continuing the steady rise over the past five months, according to estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The BLS said that indications point to still further gains in 1948 due to the expected pre-Christmas upturn in business. The previous record for employment was established in December, 1947.

Contract construction employment leveled off in September, having reached its seasonal peak somewhat early this year. Totalling 2,225,000, construction employment was at a peacetime record and 150,000 above the September, 1947, level. Several of the building material industries, such as lumber, brick, cement, lime and gypsum, reported some downturn during the month.

LARGEST INCREASE Largest increase during the month took place in the manufacturing industries, where a gain of nearly 200,000 workers brought employment to over 16,600,000, a new peacetime high. As production for the fall and winter season turned upward, all but 4 of the 20 major industry groups reported some increase in employment.

Except for the lumber industries, all of the hard goods groups added workers during the month. Despite the slight contraseasonal decline, employment in the lumber group was nearly 100,000 above the year-ago figure. The automotive industry reported a small increase during the month but employment failed to regain the level reached earlier in the year. Operations were hampered during the month by a shortage of castings normally supplied by a strike-bound firm.

The railroad equipment and aircraft industries indicated a rise in employment due to the reopening of several plants previously shut down for inventory taking, and additional supplies of material. The shipbuilding industry, however, laid off more workers because of contract completions and a lack of new orders.

All of the electrical machinery industries reported employment increases as new orders were received. Radio manufacturers expanded their work force to meet the Christmas demand, but employment remained below the level attained last year.

Within the nondurable division, the largest gain was in the food industries, primarily canning and preserving plants which reported a late seasonal increase of about 80,000. Other increases in the sugar and confectionery industries were partly offset by seasonal declines in meat packing and dairy products.

DECREASE IN JOBS Employment in the textile and leather groups decreased contraseasonally in September. Cotton, woolen and worsted mills, and shoe factories were unable to hold the gains made last month as new orders did not materialize in expected volume. The apparel group fared somewhat better, but the increases were small and chiefly confined to the women's clothing and house-furnishing industries.

Christmas Food Package Announced by CARE

New York.—A traditional "turkey and trimmings" Christmas dinner package for hungry families of Europe is available for overseas delivery at a cost of \$15, according to an announcement by CARE, the overseas relief organization. The nonprofit, government-approved agency, officially called the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc., pledged holiday delivery on orders received up to December 15.

SPORTSMEN'S NOTES

Fortuna, Mendocino County.—For killing a deer with the aid of a spotlight, Jack L. Klaverweiden of Fortuna has been fined \$500 by Judge Van Dyke. He was arrested near Hemlock by State Fish and Game Warden Garrie Heryford.

San Jose.—California game laws should be changed to permit the killing of does for a 10-day period following the end of regular deer seasons, says the California State Grange.

The resolution was approved at the Grange annual convention held here October 23 and 24.

Terminal Island.—Deep sea anglers caught a total of 581,310 fish off the California coast during the month of July, according to reports submitted by party boat operators to the Division of Fish and Game. In July, 1947, records show only one sport fisherman in 1000 caught a prized albacore. This year, one out of 28 anglers landed an albacore, says the Bureau of Marine Fisheries.

San Francisco.—Although October 31 marked the end of California's summer trout, salmon, and Rocky Mountain whitefish season, anglers will be able to try their luck on winter runs of steelhead trout and salmon beginning November 1, reports the Bureau of Patrol, Division of Fish and Game. Warden's this month sighted large numbers of sea-run trout and salmon returning to their coastal stream and inland river spawning areas, with indications of a generally good winter season.

AFL Textile Workers Set Policy Meeting

Lawrence, Mass.—Two hundred delegates representing 50,000 woolen and worsted workers represented by the AFL's United Textile Workers of America, will assemble here Nov. 21 to determine the wage policy of the UTW's woolen and worsted department.

Francis Schaufelbl, director of the department, announced that under existing contracts with 84 employers in New England and New York state the union will seek to reopen fourth-round wage negotiations on Dec. 1. He added that the recently announced policy of the AFL to seek fourth-round wage increases in 1949 would be the guide for the delegates.

Building Trades Pay Rates Trail Zooming Living Costs

Washington.—Despite scattered wage boosts won by building trades workers since July 1, hourly wage rates for union workers continue to lag behind the rise in the cost of living, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

The BLS quarterly survey of wage rates in 7 key building trades in 77 cities revealed that pay rates advanced about 2 per cent in the last quarter as a result of increases to approximately one-fifth of the organized workers included in the study.

Hourly wage rates have advanced about 64 per cent between June, 1939, the base date for the BLS wage index, and October 1, 1948, the report said. However, between June, 1939, and September, 1948, the BLS consumers' price index jumped 77 per cent.

Carpenters, painters, and building laborers accounted for the vast majority of workers who gained wage boosts since July 1, the BLS declared.

Estimated increases in union rates from July 1, 1948, and rate levels for October 1, 1948, in 77 cities are shown below. The average rates include the increases in each of the 7 trades averaged over all union workers in each trade in 77 cities.

	Amount of Increase July 1 to Oct. 1, 1948 (Percent per hour)	Rate Levels Oct. 1, 1948	Low	Avg.	High
Bricklayers	2.2	6	\$2.00	\$2.73	\$3.25
Carpenters	1.1	2	1.50	2.21	2.90
Electricians	1.7	4	1.75	2.34	2.75
Painters	2.8	6	1.38	2.13	2.50
Plasterers	3.3	8	1.83	2.53	3.20
Plumbers	1.5	4	1.75	2.48	3.00
Building laborers	1.8	2	.75	1.39	2.13

ILGWU Members Approve Union Shop; Vote 42,061 to 448 in Big NLRB Election

New York.—Members of the AFL's International Ladies Garment Workers Union here made a mockery of the Taft-Hartley law's requirement that the majority of an employers' workers must approve a union shop.

In the largest election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, over 42,000 ILGWU members voted almost unanimously for the union shop. Of the 47,000 eligible members of the union's Cloak Joint Board, 42,061 voted for the proposal while only 448 registered opposition. Another 1,000 ballots were either void, incorrectly marked, or challenged, a union spokesman said.

Ordinarily union shop elections are held on an individual shop basis, but an over-all referendum is permitted under NLRB rules if 30 per cent of the voters request it. The joint board flooded the NLRB with worker-petitions and arranged with Charles T. Douds, regional director of the labor board, for the industry-wide poll.

MAJOR VICTORY

Israel Feinberg, general manager of the Cloak Joint Board, hailed the outcome as a major victory for the union. He declared that "the results are a manifestation of the solid support the joint board has among its affiliated workers."

"In votin this way," he went on, the workers have expressed their resentment against the union-busting efforts of the Taft-Hartley law. The vote is a warning to reactionaries in and out of Congress that the labor movement intends to fight against this vicious legislation until it is repealed."

Under the Taft-Hartley law the closed shop—which permitted employers to hire only union members—was abolished. In its place the union shop—which allows employers to hire skilled non-union workers provided they join the union within 30 days—was allowed as the maximum form of union security.

In addition, the law required that a majority of workers in the particular industry must approve institution of the union shop before it could be put into effect. The NLRB election just completed was held for that purpose.

REFERENDUM

The referendum followed an intensive "get-out-the-vote" campaign by the cloak joint board. It sought to reach its members in 600 different shops by means of radio talks, newspaper advertisements, leaflets, shop and mass meetings and individual consultations with local officials and organizers.

Workers of all kinds turned out for the election. They included cutters, finishers, operators, pressers, sample makers, tailors, button-hole makers, examiners and floor workers. They came from 7 locals of the joint board. Thirty-two thousand of them were from New York.

3-YR. AGREEMENT

Late in July the union and four manufacturers' associations signed a 3-year no-strike agreement assuring a quarter-century of labor peace in the cloak and suit industry. The union shop provision, now that it has been approved by the workers, will be written into the contract.

Cooperation Held Vital To Industrial Peace

Lake Success, N. Y.—The same techniques which allowed labor and management to cooperate fully during wartime can be carried over into peacetime production, the United Nations International Labor Organization said in a study made public here.

Titled "Labor-Management Cooperation in United States War Production," the 400-page study holds that the growth of labor and management cooperation will depend on its relation to collective bargaining procedures.

To obtain the voluntary cooperation, needed to fill wartime emergency contracts, a broad structure of consultation was built up, the ILO study explains. The results of this emergency experience, it adds could be of "real significance" if applied to postwar economy.

Vets Get First Chance to Buy or Rent New Homes

Builders and veterans were reminded today that veterans of World War II or their families must still be given first chance to rent or buy new housing construction for rental or sale. Disclosing that a new group of field agents were on the job to check on violations of this law, David H. Jordan, district agent in charge of the Housing Expediter, said that the veterans' preference provisions apply to all houses and apartments completed after June 30, 1947, and prior to April 1, 1949, other than those built for owner occupancy. Jordan explained that besides requiring that veterans must be given exclusive rights of purchase or rent during the period of construction and for at least thirty days thereafter, the law sets forth certain affirmative steps which builders must take.

SIGNS TO BE POSTED

A builder must: (1) Post a sign or placard in front of each housing structure or on the construction site, during construction and during the period of offering to veterans. Such placard or sign must contain, legibly, the rent or sale price of the unit or dwelling; the fact that the accommodations are offered for rent or sale exclusively to veterans or their families for the prescribed period; and the name and address of the person authorized to sell or rent the housing accommodations. If the rent or sale price is reduced after the placard or sign is posted, the price on the placard must be changed accordingly.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING REQUIRED

(2) Publicly advertise all such housing accommodations by newspaper exclusively to veterans or their families on at least three (3) days during the first 20 days of the 30-day reference period. The advertisement must be carried in a newspaper of general circulation in the community. It must contain the same information as is required for the placard or sign. (This applies unless the units are already sold or rented to veterans or their families.)

(3) Take any other steps which are customary in the community for making a public offering of housing accommodations.

(4) If the dwelling remains unsold and the seller lowers the original offering price, he must reoffer the dwelling to veterans for an additional seven (7) days' period before it can be offered to the public. This applies also to subsequent resale of such houses at any price.

PENALTIES

Violation of this law, Jordan pointed out, is a federal offense and a convicted violator is subject to fine and imprisonment. Complaints of veterans may be filed at Room 57, 821 Market Street, San Francisco.

Plant Guards Win

Detroit.—Union plant guard delegates from Chrysler Corporation plants in Michigan were scheduled to meet in Detroit to work out the draft of a national contract after winning the NLRB election in the corporation's Michigan plants, 493 to 23, President James C. McGeahy of the United Plant Guard Workers (unaffiliated) announced.

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The people went to the polls on November 2 and decided that the present administration is good enough for the country. The only change necessary was the removal of the "do nothing" 80th Congress. That has been changed to such a degree that the Democratic administration has a Democratic House and a Democratic Senate. We will now try to rectify and put into operation some of the things that the 80th Congress failed to do, among which are lower prices through price control if necessary, housing for all, civil rights, fair employment practices and the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law. Those are the important issues which the 81st Congress will be confronted with when it convenes in January.

Our hats go off to President Truman, who practically conducted a battle by himself in his election to the Presidency of the United States, in spite of tremendous odds.

Here in Monterey County we should start preparation immediately so that the proper ground may be established for the final removal of Bramblett two years hence for the 11th Congressional District. The same fight will have to be conducted in the instance of the Senatorial District. Mr. Weybrecht will never do Labor any good — organized or unorganized — so long as he remains in office. So the fight continues. Only through registering and voting when the time comes will we be able to succeed and make progress and defeat individuals who are concerned with the interests of a select few. We refer to Big Business rather than the interests of the common man and woman who make up this Nation.

Labor has won a victory and it is up to Labor to shoulder its share of the burden so that we may continue to defeat our enemies and help our friends.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Your Union is again opening all of its contracts as they come due, for the purpose of asking for additional hourly wage increases. The fourth round is no doubt in the offing and as these contracts expire you will be called to special meetings in preparation for negotiations for a new agreement wherever it is warranted.

RETAIL FURNITURE INDUSTRY

This contract is in the process of being signed, covering 12 furniture houses. Wages, hours and conditions of employment are comparable to those in San Francisco. Wage increases in some of these houses were as much as 50c per hour for drivers. The minimum rate for drivers is \$1.625; warehousemen, \$1.40; vacations with pay and other conditions beneficial to the men employed in the retail furniture houses.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Many of our members who are employed at plants covered by Industrial Accident Commission laws are being forced into the loss of their rights through paid settlements because they fail to secure representation by Counsel. May we remind all of our members that we have a staff of competent attorneys in San Francisco to handle all such cases.

In the event you become injured on the job, please report the incident to the Union so that we may have a record of it at the office and the claim can be filed with our attorneys. It is very important that all accidents be reported to the office of the Union so that a complete check may be kept and that you may be protected.

REMEMBER THE COMMUNITY CHEST. Contribute generously. This agency divides its funds with hundreds of relief agencies throughout the country as well as local communities.

Remember to pay your dues on or before the 1st day of the month in order to remain in good standing with the Union. No member is entitled to benefits unless he or she is in good standing.

Our next meeting in Monterey will be held Thursday, November 11, at 8:00 p.m., at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado Street. It is important that all members in the Monterey area attend.

The following cab companies are one hundred per cent Union and merit your patronage: Salinas Cab Co.; Carls Cab Co.; Packard Cab Co.; Checker Cab Co.; Yellow Cab Co. No other cab companies are Union.

Purchase gasoline and oil at Firestone Tire & Service which is one hundred per cent Union. This plant is located at Monterey and San Luis Streets.

Two vulcanizing shops are organized. They are Don Hultz and Harry Rhoades. Please have your recaps done by these two houses where members of our Union are employed. PATRONIZE UNION SERVICES.

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

TO MEMBERS OF CARPENTERS UNION 925:

Plans are being made for a Blue Print reading class at the Salinas Evening School shortly, the class for members of Local 925. All members of Local 925 interested in the course are urged to register at once at the union's offices, according to George R. Harter, union business agent.

Registration in the blue print class is limited and those interested should inform the union at once. Exact time for the night classes has not been announced, Harter said.

Armistice Day (Thursday, November 11) is a holiday for union carpenters in the Salinas area under terms of the contract with Associated General Contractors, Harter reports.

Pat J. Haley, contractor in Salinas in former years, has announced plans to begin again in the home construction field. He will start several new homes soon in the Glen Haven Park district, the union has been informed.

Stolte, Inc. is starting work on the new Castroville School job.

PLYOES ARE MEMBERS OF THIS UNION ALSO.

We urge all of our members to inquire when buying any products or services to patronize only firms that display the Union shop card or Union label.

All members unemployed please contact the Union office and leave your address and phone number so we may get in touch with you immediately.

CONSTRUCTION

The Moss Landing operation of PG&E has not as yet expanded any of its operations but it is expected to start in the near future and will employ many of our members. Quite an amount of preliminary work is being done before the actual construction work will start on the huge operation, such as warehouses and getting facilities in order. The Union will keep its members notified at all times as to the progress of this huge project.

Pay your dues on or before the 1st day of every month and not later than the 15th to keep your insurance in good standing; also wear your monthly union button in a conspicuous place for all to see; that is a sign that you are receiving good wages, hours and working conditions.

The drive for the Community Chest at this time is now in full swing and it is the duty of each and every member of this Union to donate freely as this is for a worthy cause and benefits all of our people and especially the children throughout the year in the boys and girls scouting activities, along with the YMCA. Again we urge you to contribute to the Community Chest.

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Fred Barlow, member of Local 925, is foreman on the new swimming pool project at Sherwood Park, under Superintendent Combs of the Stoltz organization. Work has been started on this city project.

Fishing Slow At Monterey

Local fishing was at a standstill last week at Monterey, but two plants, Oxnard and Hovden, received some sardines by truck from southern ports, providing some work for members of Fish Cannery Workers Union, according to union officials. Monterey fishermen, still at odds with processors over price paid for sardines, have not been making fishing trips, it was reported.

Sigler Snubs Unions

Detroit. — Gov. Kim Sigler last week stood up a delegation representing 50 civic, church and union organizations, who had an appointment to present their demand for continuation of the Workers Educational Service, directed by Arthur Elder, with state funds. AFL and CIO leaders charge General Motors Corp. "single-handed" caused the Service's demise.

riers from forwarding a government check from one address to another. It must be delivered to the address on the check.

Checks which cannot be delivered will be returned to the Treasury Department and held there until the veteran submits a change of address to the San Francisco Regional office of the Veterans Administration.

A veteran whose eligibility for education under the G-I Bill runs out after he completes at least half of a school semester can complete the semester at government expense. He will receive subsistence allowances for the remaining period.

More than a million and a half World War II veterans were reported in training under the G-I Bill on September 30, 1948.

Of the 1,563,000 trainees, 897,500 were enrolled in schools and colleges, 267,000 in institutional on-farm training and 398,000 in job training.

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LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Union
Salinas, California

William G. Kenyon, Secretary

Chartering of an AFL Teachers Union in Salinas was announced to the Central Labor Council at last week's meeting by Fred Clayton and Frank Woodworth, who are handling the organizing effort for the teachers.

Bros. Clayton and Woodworth asked the labor council for assistance in their program and a committee of Albert Harris and E. L. Courtwright was named by the council to support the new group.

The council also voted to accept the new union as an affiliate and to waive per capita tax for three months to give this much financial assistance.

Support of the Alisal Youth Council was voted by the labor council at a recent meeting, the council voting a \$25 donation and delegates present giving another \$20 in a free-will offering.

In addition, the council voted to investigate reason for the Alisal Youth Council being left out of the local Community Chest budget.

New delegates to the council include:

From Plasterers Union 763, Joaquin Canales, Dave Burnett and C. R. Pendergast, alternate.

From Plumbers Union 503, Al Everly, business agent of the union and formerly prominent in the council.

Union reports to the council include:

Carpenters 925 — Donated \$25 to Alisal Youth Center.

Plumbers 503 — New AGC agreement signed, creating \$2.50 hourly wage for plumbers.

Laundry Workers 258 — In negotiations for new agreement.

Painters 1104 — Donation of \$10 voted to Salvation Army.

Teamsters 890 — New agreement for drivers employed by retail furniture stores calls for \$107 monthly increase, agreement signed with Del Monte Properties and includes sick leave and paid vacations.

LOCAL HEALTH NEED STRESSED IN SSA REPORT

The health of the Nation depends upon the health of the local community, says W. Hunter, Regional Director of the Federal Security Agency, emphasized today in underlining the major findings of a recently published report, "The Nation's Health—A Ten-Year Program," made to the President by Federal Security Administrator Oscar E. Ewing.

The keynote of the report's various recommendations for improving health throughout the country, Hunter said, is local community action.

In stressing the need for community initiative, Mr. Hunter pointed out that more than 25,000 annual deaths that now occur over the Nation from various communicable diseases could be prevented by thorough use of the techniques of sanitation and of immunization — clearly, fields of community action. This number of preventable deaths is equivalent to five-sixths of the population of Salem, Oregon. Community action could also contribute towards saving the lives of the 50,000 who die of tuberculosis and the 15,000 persons who die of syphilis each year. An additional 235,000 deaths from other causes could be prevented by use of present-day knowledge and skills.

On the necessity for community action, Mr. Ewing's report states in part: "The community effort is the spearhead of all Federal and State action for health. It is on the local front that national, State, and community planning fuse into a single program, into a joint drive to improve conditions, to prevent individual sickness and disability and to save individual lives."

The report calls attention to advances in medical science over the past few decades. For example, in the 10 years 1936-45, the rate of infant mortality was cut by one-third and the maternal mortality rate by nearly two-thirds. In 1946, the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births in Washington was 33.4; the number of maternal deaths per 1,000 live births was 1.1. The national averages for 1946 were 33.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births and 1.6 maternal deaths per 1,000 live births. In other States included in Federal Security Region X, the figures are: Arizona—41.5 infant and 2.1 maternal; California—30.7 infant and 1.2 maternal; Nevada—39.6 infant and 1.8 maternal; Oregon—27.7 infant and 1.0 maternal.

Union Buys Laundry

Indianapolis (LPA)—The Laundry Workers International Union (AFL) recently bought a laundry that has been in receivership. This is the second time the LWIU has gone into business to protect its members' jobs. For several years it operated a plant in Spokane, Wash.

Plastic bowling pins which won't wear down (like maple) soon will be on the market.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

MONTEREY PENINSULA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of November 2, 1948.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Winters.

The roll call showed the presence of 11 delegates from eight locals. Regular officers present were Pres. Winters, Vice-Pres. Carl and Sec.-Treas. Edwards.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to pay a year's dues to the California State Federation of Labor.

Various communications were presented and considered.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

The Bartenders Business Agent, Bro. Rice, reported that he had called fifty members this afternoon and asked them whether they had voted. Thirty-eight reported that they had voted, eight that they would vote, and four that they were not registered. These were called at random among the members who had telephones. If this is typical, it indicates that labor has done a good job in getting out the vote. Local 483 will have an annual party next Tuesday night at the American Legion hall. They hope to raise \$2000 for their welfare fund. During the past year they have dispensed more than \$2000 from their welfare fund. The Bartenders will aid the Y.M.C.A. benefit dance at Fort Ord. Other unions are contributing their services also.

The Cannery Workers reported a meeting October 19. They had installation of officers, most of the old officers holding over. They initiated between 200 and 250 new members.

The Carpenters reported a small meeting — about 18 present of a membership of more than 200.

The Clerks reported a meeting October 28. They nominated officers for the

